



Exhibit A

Atty. Dkt. No. 39153/433 (C167596-CIP)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Sander, et al.  
Title: MINIMIZING TRANSISTOR  
SIZE IN INTEGRATED  
CIRCUITS  
Appl. No.: unknown  
Filing Date: unknown  
CPA Filed: 04/23/2001  
Examiner: Nguyen, T.  
Art Unit: 2813

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**CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA)**  
**REQUEST TRANSMITTAL**

Commissioner for Patents  
Box CPA  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a request under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d), Continued Prosecution Application (CPA), for a:

☐ Continuation

☒ Divisional

application of the above-identified prior nonprovisional application of:

Craig S. Sander  
Rich K. Klein  
Asim A. Selcuk  
Nicholas J. Kepler  
Christopher A. Spence  
Raymond T. Lee  
John C. Holst  
Stephen C. Horne

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in which no payment of issue fee, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred. Priority to the above-identified prior application is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 for this CPA.

☒ Please enter the enclosed Preliminary Amendment.

Enclosed are:

- ☒ Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(I).
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement.
- ☐ Form PTO-1449 with copies of \_\_\_ listed reference(s).
- ☐ Application Data Sheet (37 CFR 1.76).

The filing fee is calculated below:

|   | Claims<br>as<br>Amended | Previously<br>Paid For | Extra<br>Claims | Rate   | Fee<br>Totals |
|---|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|--|---------------|
| Basic Fee                                   |                         |                        |                 | \$710.00                                       | \$710.00      |
| Total Claims:                               | 20                      | - 20                   | = 0             | x \$18.00                                      | = \$0.00      |
| Independents:                               | 3                       | - 3                    | = 0             | x \$80.00                                      | = \$0.00      |
| If any Multiple Dependent Claim(s) present: |                         |                        | +               | \$270.00                                       | = \$0.00      |
|   |                         |                        |                 | SUBTOTAL:                                      | = \$710.00    |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                    |                         |                        |                 | Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above): | =             |
|   |                         |                        |                 | TOTAL FILING FEE:                              | = \$710.00    |

- ☒ A check in the amount of \$710.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- ☐ The required filing fees are not enclosed but will be submitted in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

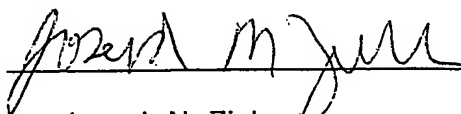
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Respectfully submitted;

Date

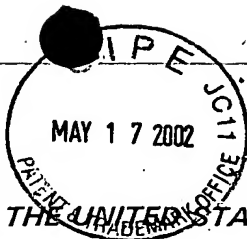
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, delete the first full paragraph, and replace this paragraph with the following in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. A marked up version showing changes is attached.

a1 The present application is a divisional of U.S. Application No. 09/515,875 filed on February 29, 2000 by Sander, et al. which is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Application No. 09/119,934 filed on July 21, 1998 by Klein, et al.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-18 without prejudice.

Please add new claims 23-38.